

# Community report

## Colac-Otway (S)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

AREA

**Colac-Otway (S)**

COMPARISON

**Regional Vic.**

POPULATION

**Persons**

GENERATED

**6 April 2026**

### Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

**01** Housing rental payments

### Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Enumerated topics describe where people or dwellings were counted on Census night.

# Housing rental payments

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## Key takeaway

In 2021, \$250 to \$299 was the most common rent band among households renting their home in Colac–Otway (S), accounting for 18.1% (356 households). This share was higher than Regional Vic. (17.2%).

## About this topic

Housing rental payments show the weekly rent reported by households that rent their dwelling. It is a direct measure of current housing cost for renters and is not affected by home equity or mortgage history.

This topic is useful for understanding rental affordability and potential housing stress, especially when read with household income and tenure. Raw rental amounts are not directly comparable over time because of inflation, so rental quartiles are better for comparing change.

## Interpretation notes

- This topic applies only to households that rent their dwelling and records weekly rent for the dwelling counted on Census night.
- Raw rent ranges are not directly comparable over time because inflation and market conditions change.

## Weekly housing rental payments

Colac-Otway (S) - Households (Enumerated)

Category	2021 count	2021 %	Regional Vic. %
Less than \$100	51	2.6%	2.6%
\$100-\$149	194	9.9%	7.9%
\$150-\$199	170	8.6%	9.3%
\$200-\$249	316	16.1%	13.5%
\$250-\$299	356	18.1%	17.2%
\$300-\$349	343	17.4%	16.4%
\$350-\$399	219	11.1%	12.8%
\$400-\$449	100	5.1%	7.6%
\$450-\$499	39	2.0%	3.8%
\$500-\$549	7	0.4%	1.6%
\$550-\$649	8	0.4%	1.3%
\$650-\$749	4	0.2%	0.5%
\$750-\$849	—	—	0.2%
\$850+	22	1.1%	0.6%
Not stated	138	7.0%	4.7%
<b>Total households renting</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Data basis: enumerated.